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- 3. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT FOR G-5 TO MEET PRIOR TO OPENING OF LOS CONFERENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO SATURDAY MAY 21 IN NEW YORK.

FOR LONDON: PLEASE ADVISE BRITISH OF AMBASSADOR'S THINK-ING AND INFORM THEM THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO INSTRUCT US EMBASSY MOSCOW TO APPROACH SOVIETS AFTER COORDINATING WITH UK EMBASSY TO PROPOSE MAY 21 MEETING OF G-5. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY MOSCOW IF BRITISH ARE AGREEABLE TO THIS SUGGESTION.

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